



# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

**Date:** December 17, 2012  
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Closures for I-5 HOV Improvement Project (SR-118 to SR-170)

**San Fernando Valley** — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to close the lanes, ramps and connector listed below as part of a \$140 million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Ramp closures will be staggered. Closures are subject to change. Detours will be signed.

For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.

Lane closure information for this and other freeway projects is available on the Caltrans website: <http://www.lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/lcswebreports/>

### Golden State Freeway (I-5)

*Monday, December 17, to Saturday, December 22*

- Up to four lanes of northbound I-5 between SR-170 and SR-118  
TIME: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

*Note: The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between midnight and 4 a.m.*

- Northbound I-5 off-ramp to Osborne Street  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Up to three lanes of southbound I-5 between SR-118 and SR-170  
TIME: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

*Note: The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between midnight and 4 a.m.*

- Southbound I-5 connector to southbound SR-170  
TIME: 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Eastbound Osborne Street on-ramp to southbound I-5  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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- Westbound Osborne Street on-ramp to southbound I-5  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 off-ramp to eastbound/westbound Osborne Street  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Eastbound Van Nuys Boulevard on-ramp to southbound I-5  
TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Long-term on-ramp closures:*

- Westbound Van Nuys Boulevard on-ramp to southbound I-5 (NOW OPEN!)
- Branford Street to southbound I-5 (opens December 2012)
- Eastbound Osborne Street to northbound I-5 (opens December 2012)
- Westbound Osborne Street to northbound I-5 (opens December 2012)

*Long-term off-ramp closures:*

- Southbound I-5 to eastbound/westbound Paxton Street (NOW OPEN!)
- Northbound I-5 to Branford Street (opens December 2012)
- Northbound SR-170 to Sheldon Street (opens December 2012)
- Northbound I-5 to westbound Terra Bella Street (opens January 2013)
- Northbound I-5 to eastbound Van Nuys Boulevard (opens January 2013)

## **Hollywood Freeway (SR-170)**

*Monday, December 17, to Saturday, December 22*

- Sheldon Street/Arleta Street on-ramp to southbound SR-170  
TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Northbound SR-170 connector to northbound I-5  
TIME: 11:59 p.m. to 5 a.m.

## **About the Project**

Caltrans is constructing an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). The project is also widening four undercrossings, replacing sections of pavement, and building a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

Work began in August 2010 and is on track for completion in late 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, visit [www.I-5info.com](http://www.I-5info.com).

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